

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Edgewood Arsenal Guardhouse (Bldg. E-1511) Inventory Number: HA-1946  
Address: Edgewood Rd. at north end of Edgewood Arsenal City: Edgewood Zip Code: 21040  
County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Edgewood, MD  
Owner: U.S. Army Chemical & Biological Def. Cmd. Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment Agency: Maryland Transit Administration  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Phae I Architectural Resources Survey-Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This utilitarian guardhouse was used for only a short period of time after the north entrance to Edgewood Arsenal was reconfigured in 1933. As the installation increased in size and personnel, a new guardhouse was constructed nearby in the middle of the traffic lanes, a configuration that increased installation security. As an isolated pre-war building whose function was peripheral to that of the arsenal, it lacks historical significance. As a typical utilitarian military building of the period, it lacks architectural significance. The guardhouse is recommended ineligible for the National Register under any of the four criteria.

Prepared by: Douglas C. McVarish

Date Prepared: 4/18/02

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐

Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

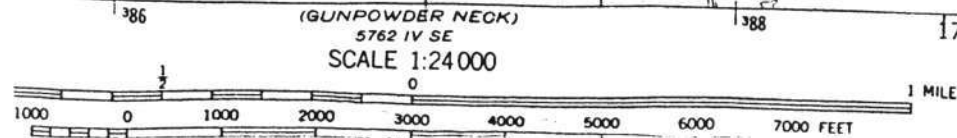
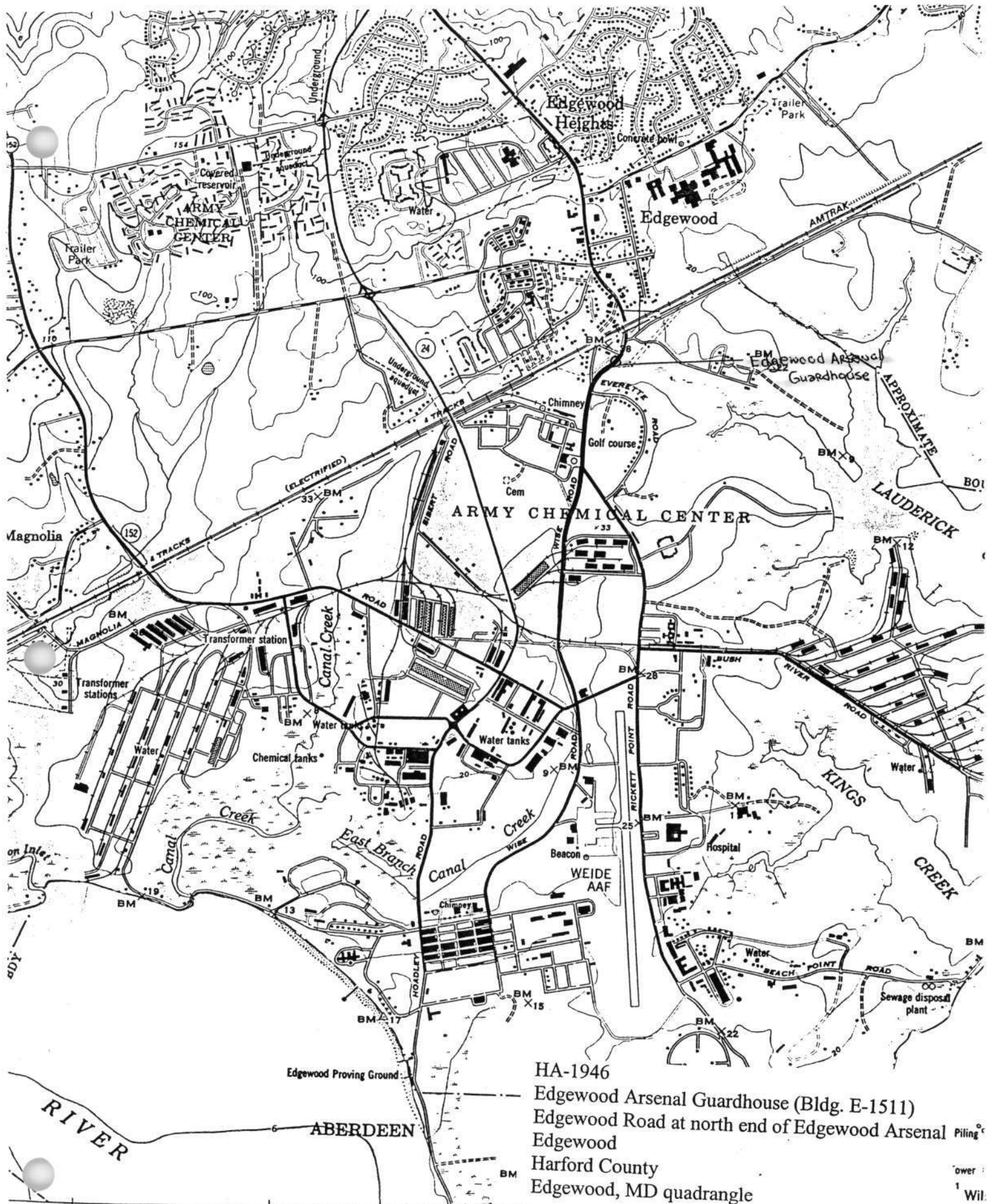
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]  
Reviewer, NR Program

07/15/02  
Date

8/9/02  
Date



# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1946

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Edgewood Arsenal Guardhouse (Bldg. E-1511)

### 2. Location

street & number Edgewood Road at northend of Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Grounds ☐ not for publication

city, town Edgewood ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district

state Maryland ☐ county Harford

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command

street & number Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground telephone no.:

city, town Edgewood ☐ state and zip code Maryland 21010

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 265

street & number 40 South Main Street folio 413

city, town Bel Air ☐ state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town ☐ state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old guardhouse at the Edgewood Gate, a small rectangular, single story , from gabled building, is located at the southeast corner of Edgewood Road and Fairview Point Road at the north end of the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground. The building is set on the edge of the road, adjoining an open field bordered by evergreen trees.

The building is a single bay wide and a single bay deep. Set on a concrete slab, it is of concrete construction, and has a roof sheathed in slate. A metal door is centered on the west facade of the building and is secured by a padlock. Rectangular, wood, louvered vents are placed in the gable peak of the front and rear walls. Single window openings are located near the front of the side walls of the building. Both openings, which appear to have originally contained double hung, sash windows, have been boarded over.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1946

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old guardhouse was the original guardhouse constructed when the Edgewood entrance of the Edgewood Arsenal was reconfigured in 1933. Originally the entrance had been from present Old Edgewood Road which crossed the Northeast Corridor railroad tracks on grade and joined the present Edgewood Road a short distance north of present Everette Road. The 1933 road reconfiguration, which included the construction of the present underpass under the Northeast Corridor, necessitated the erection of a new guardhouse to serve the installation.

Edgewood base historian Jeffrey Smart indicated that this guardhouse was probably built in 1933, at the same time as the road construction. It was used as a guardhouse for only a short time. World War II era building inventories for the Arsenal do not mention it. The present guardhouse replaced it. With its location in the middle of the traffic lanes, the present guardhouse was better able to provide security at the Arsenal entrance. This improved security was necessary during the dramatic growth of the installation in World War II.

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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Building Inventories. Edgewood Arsenal. In files of the Command Historian's Office. U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command. Edgewood, Maryland.

Smart, Jeffrey. Command Historian. U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command. Interview. Edgewood, Maryland. August 1996.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Edgewood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Portion of Map 69, Parcel 139. The boundary includes the bridge, its \_\_\_\_\_ and wing walls, and the \_\_\_\_\_ stairways. This represents the historic boundaries of the bridge.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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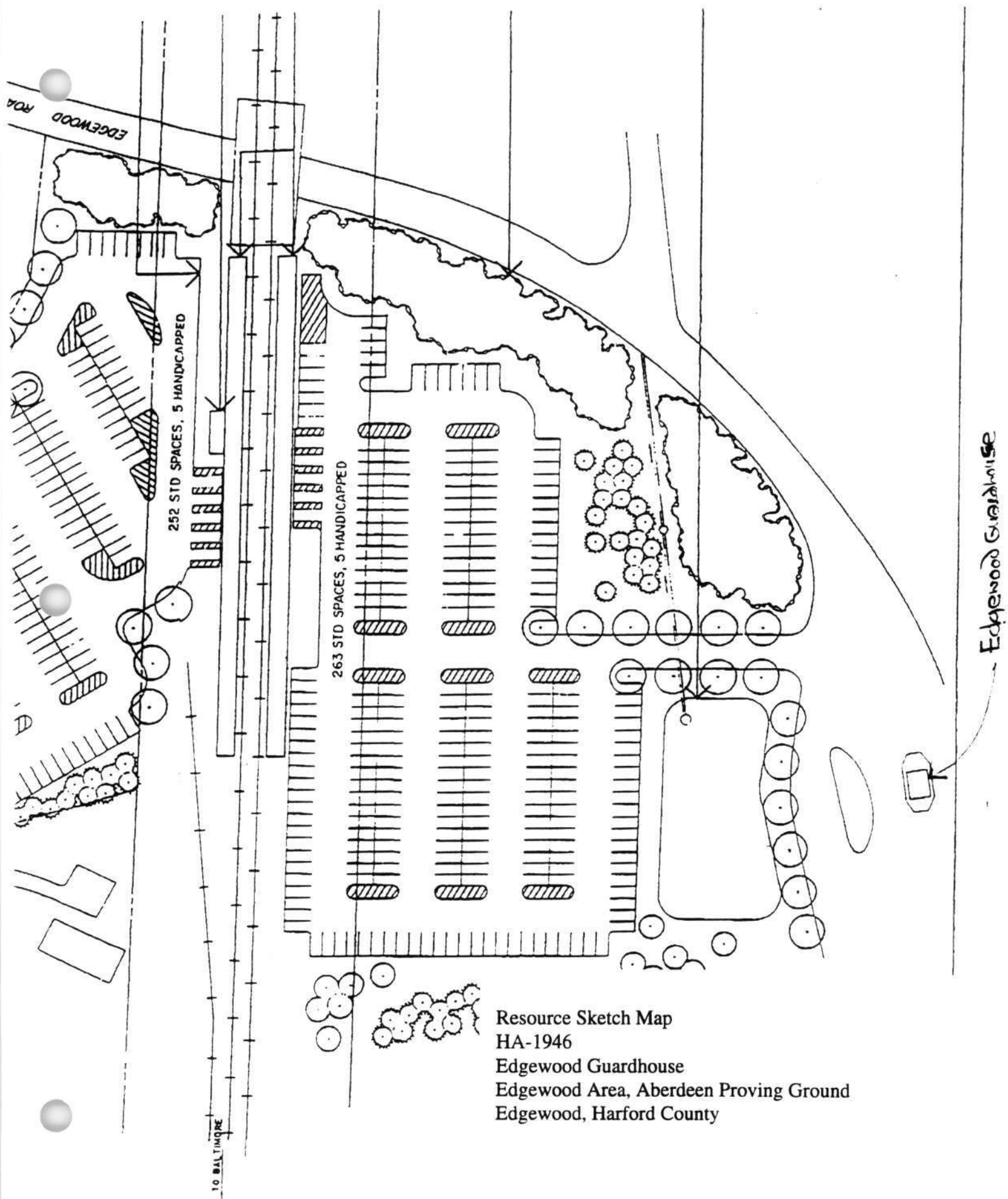
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# Continuation Sheet

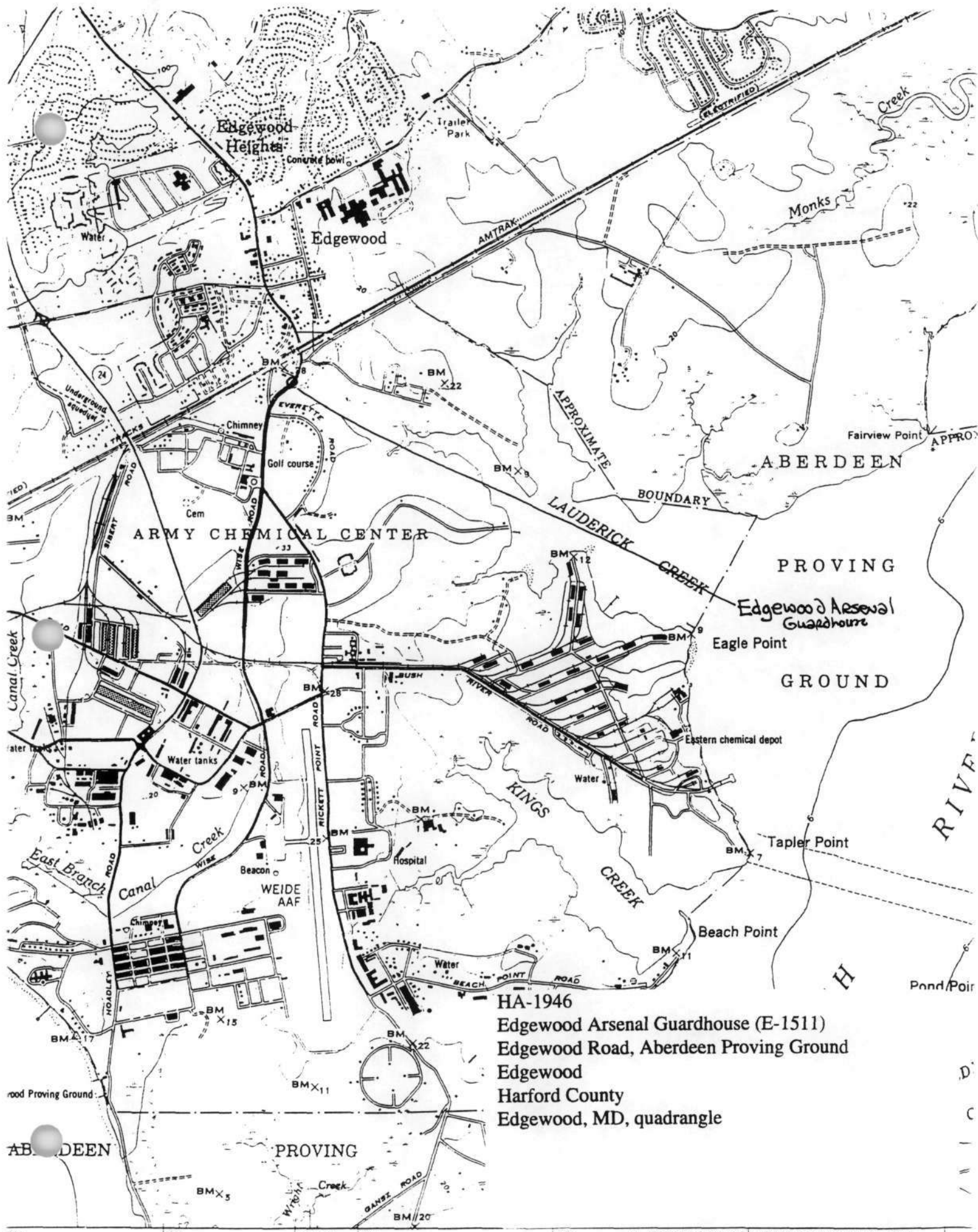
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Resource Sketch Map  
HA-1946  
Edgewood Guardhouse  
Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground  
Edgewood, Harford County





WELCOME TO  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND  
EDGEWOOD AREA  
PLEASE OBSERVE SPEED LIMITS

E-1 11

HA - 1946

Edgewood Arsenal Guardhouse (Bldg. E-1511)

Harford County, Maryland

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Maryland SHPO

Guardhouse, NE & NW sides

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